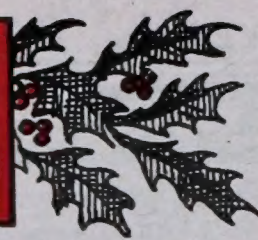


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Highlander at the head of the table

■ Cheryl Murdoch chairs new district school board

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Haliburton County may have only one seat on the area's new school board, but at least it's positioned at the head of the table.

At their recent inaugural meeting, trustees elected Cheryl Murdoch to serve as the first chair of the fledgling district board that will oversee education in Haliburton County, Victoria County and Muskoka.

Murdoch, a 19-year veteran on the county's school board, narrowly beat long-time trustee Len Salvatori in last month's municipal election to represent Haliburton on the nine-member district board.

The former elementary school teacher has been chair of Haliburton's soon-to-be-dismantled school board for the past year. She also served as chair of the committee of trustees helping to oversee the merger of the three area school systems.

While the county has just one of nine voices at the new district board table, what it has to say should carry more weight when it comes from the chairperson.

"If we've only got one trustee, it doesn't hurt to have that one person be the chair because they've got a lot of influence," said Murdoch.

Though the chair doesn't usually vote on motions unless it is to break a deadlock, Murdoch maintained she would have "all kinds of say" in board decisions.

The full board intends to meet twice monthly. The first meeting, to be held in the middle of the month, will be when the majority of debate on issues takes place. At the second meeting, to be held at the end of the month, trustees will mainly ratify recommendations from the earlier meeting.

Murdoch noted the vice-chair of the board will run the business meeting, enabling her to cast her vote on all recommendations before they go before the board for ratification.

Many education observers have raised concerns about the potential for Victoria County, which is represented by the largest number of trustees, to control decisions by the board.

If the five Victoria County trustees choose to stick together on issues, their votes would overpower Muskoka's three votes and Haliburton's one every time.

But in her acceptance speech at the December 15 inaugural meeting, Murdoch said she was certain trustees could put their regional differences behind them and concentrate on their com-

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CHRISTMAS THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Over the past two weeks, the Echo's photographers have been in the audience of countless Christmas concerts and parties so we can portray the holidays as it is meant to be seen — through the eyes of a child. Our Christmas supplement brings some of that magic to life and we hope you get as much pleasure from the photos and stories as the audiences had watching the delightful performances. In the photo above, an energetic Alexander Wingrove waves to his parents at the Wilberforce School Concert while at right, Taylor Chambers portrays a solemn shepherd at the Stanhope firefighters Christmas party for children and seniors.



The tax man cometh:

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Anyone with a degree in mathematics will be able to understand the implications of Actual Value Assessment on the next round of property tax bills.

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tion who don't, unfortunately, next year is going to be very confusing indeed.

At Wednesday's county council meeting, regional assessment commissioner Ruth Cameron outlined the province-wide changes called the Ontario Fair Assessment System, which comes into being on January 1.

In general the major change is going to be the dollar value at which all properties are assessed. Across the province at present, different base years are

used in various municipalities. With the new AVA, properties will be reassessed as if the property was sold to a willing buyer by a willing seller — the real estate market value. This figure will eventually be updated annually to allow for fluctuations in real estate prices. All properties, no matter where they are in Ontario, will fall under this new system.

Another big change is the elimination of business taxes. Since county council will need

New assessment act will mean big changes and big headaches

to recoup those monies lost, it must decide whether to tax commercial and industrial properties at an even higher rate than the usual surcharge, or whether to spread the costs out over all properties, including residential.

Then again, there are the monies which must be recouped through the loss of taxation for managed forests and farms. In the past, municipalities taxed managed forests at the regular rate, and then the owners received rebates from provincial

coffers. Now, if a landowner has an approved plan for managed forest land larger than 10 acres, the municipality can charge only 25% of the residential tax rate. That means less money coming into its own coffers and some municipalities, such as Dysart et al which has a lot of large privately-owned forest lands, will be harder hit by the change.

(Dysart is also going to have a big problem on its hands when it comes to the new system of

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Dale Walker of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation looks over some of the recipes in the new "pot luck" recipe cookbook by the staff at MDS Laboratories in Haliburton. All the proceeds from the sale of the \$5 cookbooks, which are selling like proverbial hotcakes, will be donated to the Foundation to help with the healthcare expansion projects. The MDS staff hopes to raise a total of \$5,000 through cookbook sales and other fundraising boosts, and also has the support of MDS, which paid for the paper and photocopying. (Local teenager Abby Pearsell volunteered all the typesetting.) Some of the contributing cooks are MDS staff members Karen Grant, Charlene Pearsell, Jean Neville and Sue Thurston. The cookbooks are available at the Lions Medical Centre, Hyland Crest and Don Finn's office in Minden and at the Haliburton Hospital, Extendicare, MDS office, Parklane Apartments and Echo Hills Legion Apartments in Haliburton.



Echo staff grate'full' for scrumptious Christmas good wishes

If the Echo staff seems to be moving a bit slowly these days, it's because we've been eating so much. Our thanks to Doug and Jean Potter, Joyce Tait and Jack and

Shirley Hill for bringing us those delicious goodies, which we assure you did not last long. (We even asked for seconds and got some!) 'Tis the season...

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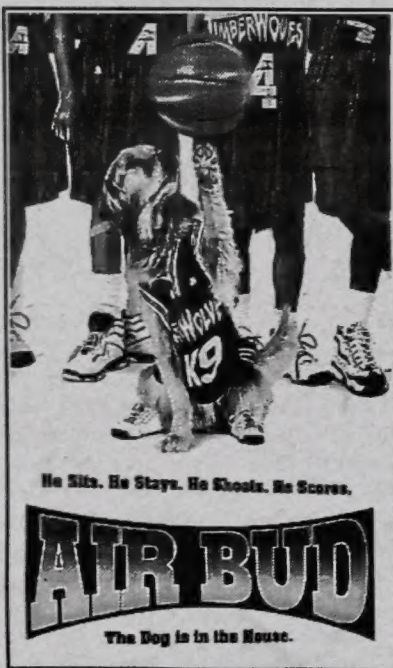
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In times of change, traditions change too:

■ *Murray Fearrey named warden for the third consecutive year*

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

For only the second time in the county's history, a warden is leading county council for the third consecutive year.

But since this is also one of the most challenging times in the county's history, county councillors feel that such a break from the ordinary is more than warranted.

"In this past year of change, he's been strong and fair, with a good measure of humour," said Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon as she successfully nominated Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey for the position of warden at Tuesday night's inaugural county council meeting.

Anthon also nominated Fearrey last year, again breaking from recent tradition by encouraging a warden to stay at the head of the county council table for the second year in a row. At the time, she cited the need for his experience as the province prepared to download many ser-

vices to the local level. Since most of those changes were talked about and haven't yet been placed on the county's table, last Tuesday night she said "I think Murray's the person in the best position to move us forward."

The nomination was seconded by Glamorgan Reeve Elva Bates, who said Fearrey is "certainly strong and has led us well. He can bring closure to some of these things."

There were no other nominations from the seven other reeves who form the new county council and all voted in favour of Fearrey's nomination.

"Life and change comes at us like a bullet, fast and unforgiving," Fearrey said in his acceptance speech. "The challenge is to get better quickly, but there are always amazing possibilities for those who rise to the occasion. What we do and accomplish we will do together."

The first possibly contentious issue will be the shift province-wide to Actual Value Assessment, which will likely



COUNTY COUNCIL FOR 1997-2000: For the first time, council consists only of the reeves from the 10 municipalities, and not deputy reeves. In the front row, Warden Murray Fearrey (Dysart et al), sits between the reeves who seconded and nominated him: Glamorgan's Elva Bates and Anson, Hindon and Minden's Jeanne Anthon. In the back row are Lutterworth Reeve Jim McMahon, Stanhope Reeve Eleanor Harrison, Snowdon Reeve Ross Rigney, Bicroft Reeve Bill Howe, Sherborne et al Reeve Don Shortreed, Monmouth Reeve Keith Tallman, and Cardiff Reeve Doug Holman.

affect some local municipalities more than others. In deciding on what options to follow, "I urge you to wear your county hat. You must think of what's good for this county", not individual municipalities.

A county outlook will also be needed as the county copes with the downloading of services, such as policing. Larger municipalities with such things as arenas and schools may incur more police costs, but some of the people using those facilities come from outside of the municipality, so should the financial burden be shared by all?

"We have to think a little broader than we have in the

past," said Fearrey, who as well as being warden for 1996, 1997 and 1998, was also warden back in 1974. "We have to do what's right for all of us in the long run. This year could be a divisive one, but I think we can decide what's fair and good for the county."

He also encouraged fellow county councillors to fully support the healthcare expansion projects "and not let anything stand in our way."

MP John O'Reilly, in bringing greetings and best wishes from the government of Canada, thanked the councillors for being interested enough in their communities to stand for office.

"You're going to see there are a lot of changes and I only hope I can offer all the support and encouragement you need... I hope you make good decisions and are compassionate, which I know you will be."

Council's tasks will not be easy ones, said the Rev. Peter Walford Davis as he opened the meeting with prayer. He asked for God's guidance as decisions were made and also wished for "patience, an open mind and a sense of active co-operation."

Also attending the inauguration were county associates, past county councillors and wardens and members of some municipal councils.

STANHOPE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Garth Mole takes his father's advice to heart

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Halls Lake resident Garth Mole still lives by a little piece of advice his father gave him decades ago.

A Minister's Warden at St. Stephen's Anglican Church for 25 years and a long-time member at Club 35 in Stanhope, Mole's father, Bill, was actively involved in his community.

He told his son that it's important to pitch in and get involved, instead of letting others do all the work.

"I always remember that. My father said you've got to put something back into the community," Mole said last week.

Earlier this month the husband and father of two was honoured for following his father's example by being named Stanhope's Citizen of the Year.

Mole was given the award in recognition of the many initiatives he's undertaken as a volunteer to make the municipality a better place to live and visit.

Eight years ago Mole retired from his job in sales and marketing in Toronto and moved back the Highlands with his wife, Wanda, and children, Dawn and Jay.

Mole grew up in Stanhope, where his parents owned and operated Lorelea Lodge for 26 years.

He and his family now live next door to the resort in a house that was owned by the lodge at

one point and rented out as a guest cottage.

"I had a goal to move back here when I was 55. It just happened 10 years sooner than it should've," explained Mole, who left the Highlands to find work at 19.

It didn't take long after he returned to Stanhope before Mole began to act on his father's advice and became involved helping to organize various activities on a number of groups and committees.

Much of his efforts have been directed toward improving recreational opportunities in the municipality.

Each summer Mole, a member of the township's recreation committee, organizes a slow pitch tournament that is open to all of the lake associations in Stanhope.

Last year's event realized a profit of about \$800, providing additional funding toward the municipality's recreational services.

Next summer he's hoping to expand the tournament by adding tennis and horseshoes to the activity list.

Mole was also a member of the group that organized a project to create additional soccer fields and another ball field at the community centre.

As a volunteer with the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association, Mole spends many hours out grooming the trails to make sure they're in top shape

for riders.

Nearly four years ago Mole, a firefighter with the municipality's volunteer fire department, was given an OPP citation for bravery after he saved the lives of two men who broke through the ice on Boshkung Lake near Buttermilk Falls.

But not all of his contributions have been as death-defying.

Mole's simple but effective idea to set up community billboards at local landfills sites has been a big hit.

He wanted to make sure cottagers and others visiting the municipality could learn about upcoming events and activities. The problem was trying to reach them when many of them head to the cottage Friday night and stay put until they return home on Sunday.

That's when Mole realized the one place pretty well everyone stops on their way out of town is the dump — why not put up notice board to publicize fundraiser dances, ball tournaments and other activities?

"We have to get cottagers more involved in these community events here," he said. "... Once you get them out and they see how much fun you have, it's pretty easy to do it again."

At the municipality's recent Christmas dinner, outgoing Reeve Jock Mavor praised Mole for his efforts and involvement in the community.

"Probably the highest tribute I've heard in the past few weeks



A TRADITION OF HELPING HIS COMMUNITY: Stanhope resident Garth Mole was recently named his municipality's Citizen of the Year. He says he's simply doing what his father told him to.

is from a neighbour who said, and I quote, 'Garth Mole unselfishly provides assistance to his fellow neighbours when

they are in need'."

A little fatherly advice goes a long way.

Assessment appeals expected to be numerous

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mailing tax bills to the owners of properties. At Harcourt Park there are 648 cottages, all with different property values, and yet Dysart will just receive one tax bill for all of them combined. Lutterworth will be in the same boat with Hunter Creek Estates.)

Once you have a handle on that, there are the nine new classes of taxation, eight of which affect Haliburton County (which doesn't have any pipelines): residential and farm; multi-residential; commercial; industrial (which in the Highlands, will include far fewer properties); farmlands; managed forest; and new multi-residential. In these classes, there is the possibility for a total of 84 sub-classes, and if a land is identified conservation, no taxes need be paid at all. "Beavers can get you a break (by flooding property) then," Warden Murray Fearrey joked. (If the identification of conservation land, which is very restrictive, changes within 10 years of not paying taxes, then back taxes will be charged.)

As well, within classes there are more provisions for how a property is used. If it's in a commercial zoning and used residentially, it's taxed at the residential rate. However, vacant land is usually assessed based on zoning. One property used in two different ways can be taxed at two different rates. (Home occupancy businesses need not have too much to fear, though. A commercial rate will not be applied unless the business use is clearly separate, and at least 25% of the house.)

If a commercial property is vacant for three months prior to October 1, it

can be taxed at a lower rate.

This last change caused a lot of concern among county councillors, but it won't be as bad as once feared. Vacant means there's nothing in the property, it doesn't mean it's simply not being used. Therefore, an ice cream parlour which sits idle in the winter or a ski slope that has no business in the summer do not receive discounts. The properties can still be used year-round; the owner is simply choosing not to. The vacancy reduction does not apply to residential properties, so this means cottagers can't be applying for it.

But where, you ask, does the mathematics degree come in to all of this? The real headache for municipal clerks is the transition period, and it's going to be a migraine.

Usually interim tax bills are sent out in January and since budgets have not yet been set, are based on 50% of the previous tax bills. However, when next year's final bill is sent out in June, the new system will be in place, and there may be very distinct differences in the billed amounts.

First of all, there's going to be the implications of the new updated market value rate, which is based on sale prices of similar properties, and on any improvements which have been made since any buildings were built. (These improvements were to have been noted on a mail-out form property owners received several months ago, and Ruth Cameron of the assessment office says random inspections have proved most people were very honest in filling out the form.)

Secondly, what value you see on your

tax bill is the value you'd supposedly get if you sold the property tomorrow. Right now, using an equally confusing formula, the assessment value which appears on bills is far smaller than the actual assessment. To compensate for the new values, the mill rate (soon to be called a tax rate) will be lowered, but some people will still likely be paying more than they used to.

Property owners will have until June 30 this year to appeal their assessment; in future years it will be March 31.

"What happened if you get so many appeals you don't know what to do with them," Fearrey asked. "We don't expect all of them to be handled (by the Assessment Review Board) in '98," Cameron smiled, acknowledging the amount of work her office is also going to be facing.

Councils have their own problems to deal with. Within the new act, councils can decide on the ratio with which commercial and industrial properties will be taxed. For instance, they can set commercial properties at a ratio of 1.6 to 2.0 compared to the residential base. Which number shall it be? To make things a bit easier, and to ensure the same ratios are used no matter which municipality you live in, county council decided these ratios were to be set by the county.

The assessment office will be hosting three days of open houses if property owners have any questions about your new assessment: Feb. 26 and 27 and March 2 at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce, the Dysart Community Centre in Haliburton and the Minden Community Centre from 1 to 8 p.m..

HHHS meets with health restructuring commission

Officials of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services met with the province's Health Services Restructuring Commission on December 15. The Commission is addressing the hospital systems in the entire region, including Peterborough, Lindsay and facilities in Northumberland County.

The Commission has the authority to restructure hospitals in Ontario. In addition to directing hospital restructuring, the Commission makes recommendation to the Minister of Health on restructuring other elements of the health service system.

Since the Commission's power includes directions related to capital funding, the HHHS felt that it was especially important that the Commissioners have a good understanding of the local projects which are now at an advanced stage of drawings.

Hugh Nichol, the Chair of HHHS; Paul Heffer, the past chair; Dave Coulson, vice chair; and Foster Loucks, Executive Director travelled to Peterborough to present the case. As part of the submission, emphasis was given to the hard work over many years aimed at building needed facilities for our communities. The Commissioners were apparently pleased to learn of the progress to date and of efforts to integrate the local health system, including the two hospitals in Haliburton and Minden.

The HHHS stressed the need for a quick response since, as Nichol said, "the meter is running and we are proceeding with our architect to complete the drawings so that construction can start in the spring."

At a meeting of the local board's capital planning committee Thursday evening, everyone agreed that it was extremely important to maintain momentum and public commitment.

The Commission is expected to issue their directives later this winter.

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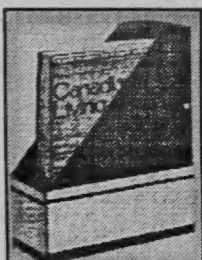
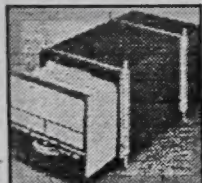
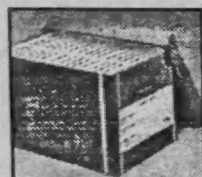
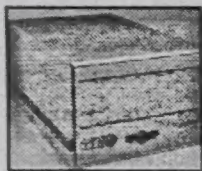
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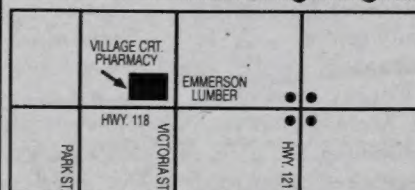
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Fire service improvements get green light

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the first meeting of the new county council on December 17. This is the first county council to have only reeves instead of reeves and

deputies, as part of the county's efforts to undergo its own "downsizing".

The first phase of the fire services improvements has been given the green light. Council

COUNTY COUNCIL BRIEFS

has approved spending \$45,000 (plus an \$18,000 federal JEPP grant) on installing new transmitters on the top of four existing towers.

This will set the stage for a

central dispatch centre

which will send the closest department out to a call, regardless of municipal boundaries. It also allows for the future – far future – introduction of 9-1-1.

In the more immediate future, the new communications system means fire departments will be able to talk to each other while out on a call.

It's believed there will be savings by each municipality for present communication costs, translating into having the new system pay for itself within a couple of years.

The only drawback is individual fire departments will have to upgrade their radio systems. To take full advantage of the new system, departments need multi-channel, programmable radios which cost about \$1,000 each.

"If we look down the road to the services it can provide us, it's nothing but a plus all the way," said Bicroft Reeve Bill Howe.

Hyland Crest

Now that expansion plans are finally underway, Hyland Crest has the major dilemma of what to do with residents once construction gets underway, probably next year.

There are 22 residents who must be moved from their present rooms, administrator Gary McKnight told council. There is likely enough existing space to accommodate them in the present facility, but the renovations

costs will be expensive and the process will be upsetting to some residents.

The temporary space would be in the administration area, chapel and auditorium and council is hoping the senior citizens home can get special funding to help pay for the costs of the transition period.

Money transfer

Speaking of the expansion plans for healthcare services, council formally approved the transfer of the \$266,000 it had previously set aside for the 18-bed chronic care unit at Haliburton Hospital. The money is being forwarded to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

Strategic plan

Reporting on recent meetings of the county's strategic plan committee, chairperson Jeanne Anthon, who's reeve of Anson, Hindon and Minden, said the economic development sub-committee will come up with ways to make it easier for businesses to invest in the Highlands. At a recent meeting, Jerry Vandenbrink of Applied Stress Technology spoke of the difficulties he faced in getting his company, which has international sales, established in the Highlands.

The steering committee is next meeting January 9 at 9 a.m. and Anthon welcomed participation from the public and local politicians.



MAIN STREET FACELIFT: The train is back in Haliburton, thanks to Buckhorn artist Murray Henderson and Dawson Insurance. A mural has graced the wall of the Haliburton business for more than 25 years but the most recent one, a painting of a lake by Peter Carroll, had begun to fade. Owner Art Dawson saw some of Henderson's paintings at a Ducks Unlimited dinner in Peterborough, where Henderson was the featured artist and asked him to paint a trail mural to honour the Highlands' heritage. Although Henderson usually paints sports figures, he was excited about Dawson's invitation. Henderson used to come up to Haliburton to play hockey, so of course, he remembered the real train on Head Lake as a local landmark.

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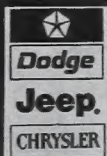
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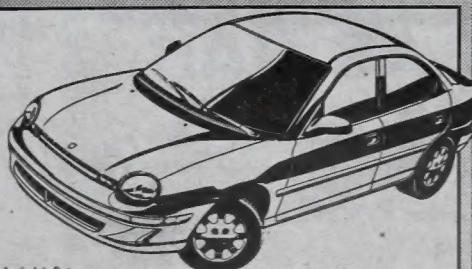
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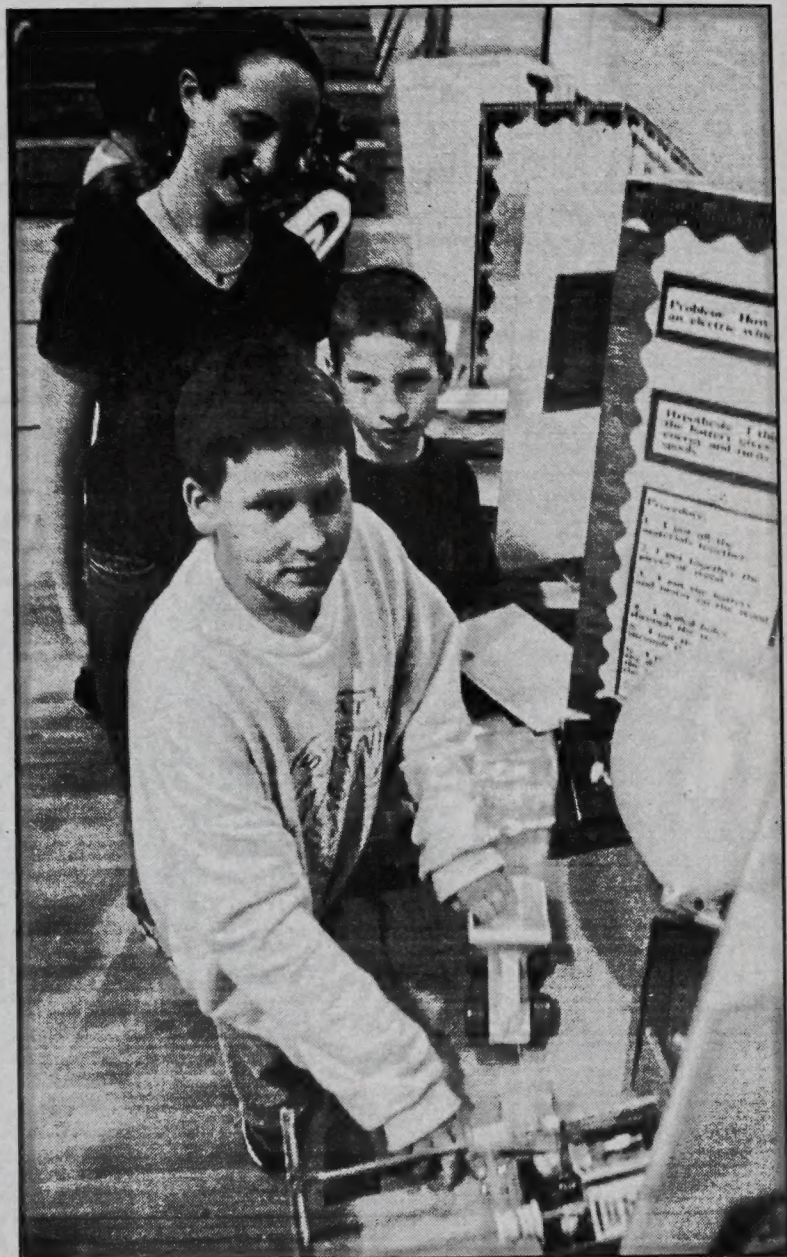
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Science is a blast

Last Thursday, the Grade 6 students at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School hosted their annual science fair. There was a good mix of the traditional baking soda and vinegar experiments, as well as others demonstrating scientific principles the students have learned this term. At right, Danny Kay illustrates his balloon-operated winch system as Scott Clark and Sarah Collins look on. Below, Ashlie Barry and Amber Wright (front) show Lisa Wright and Amanda Wrightman how they fill a balloon using gas produced by a mix of baking soda and vinegar.



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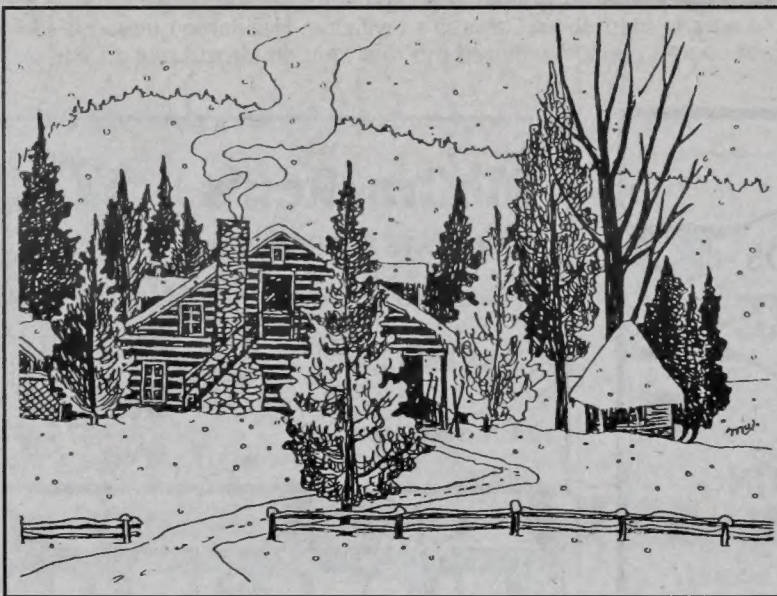
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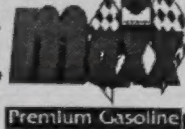
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New board is "making plans in the dark"

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mon interests — "kids and education".

One of the greatest challenges facing the new board will be working out collective agreements with each of the unionized employee groups.

"That's going to be a horrendous job," said Murdoch.

The province's Education Improvement Committee, overseeing the government's amalgamation plan, wants the new boards to have employee agree-

ments in place by March.

Next on the list trustees will have to figure out what kind of educational programs they can afford to run on the funding the province gives them.

All courses and programs now in place are guaranteed until the end of August, but there will definitely be changes coming for the next school year.

The government, which takes over education funding as of January 1, has yet to announce how much money it will give

school boards.

The funding model was originally to be revealed in the fall. The deadline was then postponed until last week. Now it appears it won't be released until the new year.

"Here we are making plans and we're in the dark. We don't know how much money we have," said Murdoch. "... The money is going to dictate what we can and can't have. If the money is less (than what boards spend now per pupil) that's

when we're going to come into some very difficult decision regarding educational programs."

And Murdoch isn't banking on the government increasing education spending.

"I foresee the money being less and that's what scares me."

The instrumental music program offered at Haliburton County elementary schools could be among the first casualties in the expected cuts.

Because of the cost of instru-

ments it's expensive to run the course, and neither Victoria nor Muskoka schools offer the program.

Murdoch said the new board will likely have a policy stipulating that any program offered in one of the three former board areas must be available right across the new district board.

Aside from Haliburton's instrumental music, the policy could also put Muskoka's Junior Kindergarten program in jeopardy — both Haliburton and Victoria County recently eliminated JK.

However, the policy could end up benefiting students in the county in some ways, as well.

Both Victoria County and Muskoka have programs that Haliburton County doesn't, including extensive adult education courses.

If there is enough money provided by the province's funding formula, perhaps adults in Haliburton County will also be able to continue their education through the school board.

Murdoch said the new board may hold its meetings on a rotating schedule through the counties of Haliburton, Victoria and Muskoka, rather than holding them all at Lindsay's board office.

"I think it's only fair to the public to have time to access these meetings."

Murdoch said she is looking forward to her new role with the board.

"It seems to me with my life right now, with my kids at college, that I have the time to do what I want to do, and this is definitely what I want to do."

All trustees on the board will receive an honorarium of \$5,000 per year. The chair, whose term last one year, receives an additional \$5,000 and the deputy-chair receives an additional \$2,500.

Victoria County trustee Bonnie Kennedy was elected as deputy-chair of the board at the inaugural meeting.

THE LAST SUPPER:

Haliburton County school board trustees and staff at the board office recently gathered for a combination Christmas party and farewell dinner at the PineStone. The occasion marked the last time the group assembled as a whole under the current board structure. In January Haliburton's board, formed in 1969, is to be amalgamated with the boards of Victoria County and Muskoka. In the top photo, standing, from left, are trustees Wendy Ladurantaye, Nancy Dunford, Barrie Martin, Trevor Pawson, Wayne Woody Wood, Craig Pettit and Gary Burroughs. Trustees seated, from left, are: Elsa May Homestead, Nancy Stinson, chair Cheryl Murdoch, vice-chair Len Salvatori and Suzanne Partridge. Absent are Chip Trueman, Wally Bunn and Bryan Kernohan. In the photo below are members of the board office staff, including (from left): Julie Hartin, Barbara Winn, Alex McKim, superintendent of education Dale Robinson, Suzanne Smith, education director Brad Saunders, Sue Kirkpatrick, Lynette Elstone and superintendent of business administration Jim Bradley.



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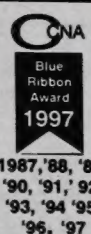
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Editorial

Education '98

IN ALL THE EXCITEMENT of the last day of school before the Christmas holidays, it would be easy to assume that few children's thoughts were on the enormous changes about to sweep over their schools. When they return to their classrooms in early January, they will no longer be part of the Haliburton County Board of Education. Instead, they and their schools will fall under the jurisdiction of District 15, the rather utilitarian name for the new school board which will encompass the three counties of Victoria, Haliburton and Muskoka.

The chairperson of this new board, Highlands trustee Cheryl Murdoch, says that if all goes according to plan, the students shouldn't notice a single difference.

But will their parents, teachers and neighbours?

It really is too early to tell. Any change brings with it a fear of the unknown and the change to a new school board is a big one indeed. So broad is the sweep of the new reforms that many people would prefer to leave things the way they are. But for better or for worse, they're not being given that option.

That doesn't mean Haliburton County should sit idly by while the changes are being implemented. As the smallest jurisdiction within this new board, the Highlands already faces the challenge of making sure our voice is heard. Luckily, Murdoch has vowed her voice will be a loud one, a task made easier by her recent election to the chairperson's seat. However, the entire task of representing the Highlands' interests should not rest with her alone. As the unknowns become knowns, it's imperative that every resident takes an active interest in the board's decisions over the next year. The policies set in place in 1998 will be the foundation for the way schools are run for the next couple of decades, and now is not the time to let the board's activities go unnoticed.

Collectively, the people of Haliburton County must decide what's of most importance to them – both what policies they will fight to defend and what policies they are willing to trade. The new district board has decided that instead of maintaining the status quo, virtually letting each county run its schools the way it always has, simply with a new board office, all schools within the entire district must offer the same learning opportunities. In many respects, those opportunities are already the same, but there are some glaring exceptions; junior kindergarten and instrumental music in elementary years are two of the most obvious. Haliburton County does not have junior kindergarten – and despite its educational benefits, many saw it as an impractical option given the long distances such young children must be bused – but Muskoka has it. Muskoka, however, does not offer its elementary students and instrumental music program. What happens if the new board implements junior kindergarten at the price of eliminating instrumental music? Is the trade-off worth it if the county also gets the adult education programs presently being offered by the Victoria school board?

It's not going to do any good to simply insist everything stays exactly the way it is. If we do, then we risk being ignored by those who accept the change and want to play a role in molding it the way they want to. Starting January 1, everyone must start putting words to hopes for what takes place in the classrooms across this county.

Greetings of the season

Right now, in the days before Christmas, a few grumblings are heard about how busy people are. But as darkness begins to descend on December 24, the magic will indeed begin to happen – it always does. People scurrying to their cars with last-minute groceries and shopping are not in too much of a rush not to wish a Merry Christmas to those they pass. The leftover excitement from Christmases past becomes a river of emotion, sweeping over us and our concerns and stress. The Christmas tree lights sparkle as a warm welcome home to family members who've travelled far to share the spirit. At the night-time church services, there's a special warmth and glow, a bonding of the people who gather together in honour of the celebration of Christ's birth.

The trick is to open your heart to the magic, to forget about the rush and the bills and the endless list of things to do, and to simply let time stand still in your embrace of all the hope and happiness the holiday embodies.

M.P.



Stanhope's Ryan Hogg and Hailly Perrin

by Martha Perkins

Letters to the Editor

Extendicare awards recognizes compassion, care staff provide

To the Editor:

At a recent Extendicare convention, Haliburton Extendicare was presented with the 1996 Extendicare Quality of Life Award. This is the speech which accompanied the presentation:

We are all reminded from time to time just how fragile our hold is on this thing called "quality of life" . . . when the chips are down, how little control we actually have over it . . . and how little we think about it until there's a threat that we might lose it.

For many of our residents, that threat is or has been a reality. Through the aging process and poor health, many have lost their independence, have been separated from their loved ones and from life as they've known it, and have been required to begin anew in the twilight of their lives. There is a commitment to life that requires courage, dignity . . . and you.

It's true that many aspects of life are a serious business – and you are reminded of that every time you administer to the needs of our residents. Quality of life surely depends on taking life seriously in these ways . . . but never at the expense of joy in being alive.

It is your ability to give emotionally and spiritually of yourselves that makes the difference in our facilities, just as surely as, to a large extent, it's the peo-

ple and harmony in our own homes that makes the difference to our quality of life. And that is what we are recognizing with this Award – your inborn humanity that allows you to reach out in creative, compassionate ways that put joy in our residents' lives. You can pride yourselves – and have reason to pride yourselves – on your success in caring for our residents in a way that values their privacy, dignity and individual rights above all else, in spite of how difficult that can sometimes be

to achieve. It is abundantly clear to all who know you that your commitment to residents is the cornerstone of everything you do and every decision you make.

Again, congratulations and thank you for your hard work and dedication.

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December, 1997

Dear Readers,

As Christmas draws near, all of us at the Echo would like to express our sincere good wishes to you and your family. We hope your holiday season is filled with warmth and joy, rest and renewal.

It has been our pleasure to bring you The Echo over the past year. We look forward with optimism to 1998. May it bring good things to you and those you love.

Merry Christmas!

The ultimate Christmas

SO MUCH for global warming," Jeff thought, feeling the cold bite of snow trapped in his sleeve. He was clearing last night's snowfall from his car, as the wind blew

most of it back into his face. He knew he would be late for work this morning. Having stayed up the night before wrapping gifts, he had noticed neither the snow piling up outside, nor that he had failed to set his alarm clock. The result was a panicked start to a blustery winter morning a few days before Christmas. Not the best way to get into the festive spirit.

But then Jeff had not been in a holiday mood prior to this morning anyway. With family and old friends scattered over the globe like crumbs after a banquet, the truth was that Jeff had been dreading this Christmas. He wanted to be in the spirit of the season, to feel the joy of fellowship, the warmth of nostalgia. But it simply was not happening.

He had put up the lights, decorated the tree and listened to appropriate songs all week. So what, he wondered, had he missed? What thought to cheer his mind, what memory to comfort his soul? Other years he had anticipated and then treasured the season as much as any child awaiting Santa's visit. Was there anything to make his heart skip faster, some special gift not yet found this year?

Finally able to see through his windshield, the cold air of the car's slow heater blasting in his face, Jeff set off on his trek into town. As he drove, he began a mental list of the gifts in his life for which he could be thankful: job, car, health, enough food, friends to call on.

'When he arrived at work, he made a point of greeting each person he saw, making eye contact and smiling. He was rewarded in kind. When he gave, he got. When he looked, he saw. His own ultimate Christmas had just been waiting for the right time to appear.'

before. Maybe, he thought, he had better appreciate them when and while he still had them.

So Jeff decided to change his list, to look at the real gifts that he might have lost had events been different on that stretch of slippery road.

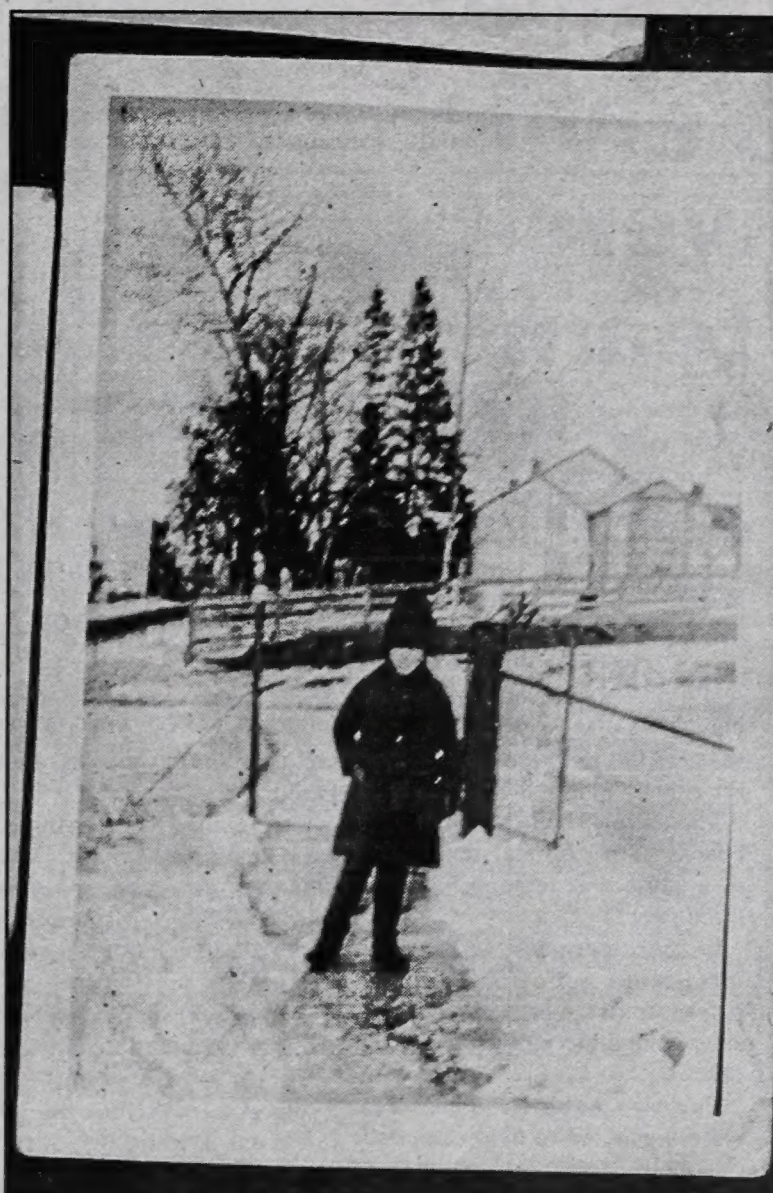
He began with the deer he saw so frequently and loved to watch around his home this time of year. Then there was the silver and blue landscape through which he drove and walked and skied, the blue jays and chickadees chattering in the brilliant clean air. He had to include a good read in front of the fire followed by a deep sleep in a safe and silent world. And the sheer pleasure this month of watching others enjoying the festivities with innocence and awe. Along with that came the awareness that despite reports to the contrary, there remains that amazing human capacity to rise out of ourselves for the good of others. Nor could he leave out a favourite piece of music or a moonlit night.

He might have lost all these and more and the thought shook him to the core. When he arrived at work, he made a point of greeting each person he saw, making eye contact and smiling. He was rewarded in kind. When he gave, he got. When he looked, he saw. His own ultimate Christmas had just been waiting for the right time to appear.



DOWN OUR ROAD

Sharon Lynch



Pic of the Past

Scenes from Cedar Street:

THE ECHO office is in what used to be known as the Laking House, and this week's Pic of the Past shows Evelyn Laking (who later became a Brodhagen) standing at the gate of the Hoxie residence next door on Cedar Avenue. In the background you can see the Gliddons' boarding house.

Pension changes help municipalities

OUR GOVERNMENT recently approved a plan to save Ontario's municipalities \$1.5 billion over five years.

The initiative was proposed by the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS), the pension plan for municipal employees in this province.

The central feature of the plan is a two percentage point reduction in the contributions that municipal employees and employers make to the plan.

That reduction will save Ontario taxpayers \$1.5 billion over five years — a six per cent savings for municipalities, which will significantly help them with their budgets.

Locally, the plan will mean \$750,000 in savings over five years for Victoria County, while Haliburton County will save \$115,000 over five years.

"(This) is good news for both

the municipalities and the taxpayers in this province," Municipal Affairs Minister Al Leach said recently in the legislature. "This is just another example of how this government is working with our stakeholders to make sure that the municipali-



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Chris Hodgson

ties and the taxpayers across this province get the best return for their investment."

OMERS is able to provide the reduction because its pension plan has a sustainable surplus. The plan has benefited from a strong return on its investments, along with other factors such as low inflation.

OMERS currently manages about \$30 billion in assets on

behalf of more than 250,000 members and pensioners. Municipalities, school boards and other municipal government employees participate in the plan.

In 1996, OMERS had a 19.3 per cent return on its investment and led all Ontario public-sector pension plans.

"We are very pleased that the government approved this initiative," said David Griffin, the chair of the OMERS board. "This means local government will be able to incorporate these savings starting with their 1998 budgets, which is good news for all taxpayers in the province."

"(This plan) takes less money from the pockets of thousands of local government employees across the province and saves taxpayers millions of dollars in every region of Ontario," Griffin said. "When local government benefits — taxpayers also benefit."

Boonieville

by Charlie Telfeur



Hockey player nets big game with university all star team

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Haliburton's Jonathan Bishop, a former hockey Redman who now plays at Queen's University, scored the hockey opportunity of his life last week.

The third-year student was the only player selected from Queen's to play on a university all-star squad against Canada's national junior team, which has its first game in the world championships on Christmas day.

Jonathan, the son of David and Phyllis Bishop, had a strong performance in Tuesday's tight game, scoring the first goal for the Ontario University East Conference All-Stars who were down 2-0 late in the first period.

Bishop deflected the shot into the net after passing the puck to a teammate, but was not credited for the goal because the linesman didn't see his deflection. Instead he was credited with an

assist.

But who received official credit for the goal didn't concern the 21-year-old. He was just honoured to play on such a select team against a group of such high calibre players.

"It was very thrilling. It was a really good experience for me to play some players who are soon to be in the NHL and some that are already in it," said Bishop.

The national juniors narrowly beat Bishop's all-star team 6-4 in a game that remained close throughout.

In a previous game, an all star team made up of university players from the western conference battled the juniors to a 3-3 tie.

The two exhibition games were organized to help coaches of the national junior team decide on a final roster to send to Europe.

Bishop played centre on the all star team's third line, which fin-



Jonathan Bishop

ished the game with a highly commendable even plus-minus record.

After a slow start with only one point in the first five games, Bishop has seven goals and three assists in 13 games for Queen's, where he's the assistant captain.

Bishop is in his third year at Queen's, studying Life Sciences.

Bishop's parents and two brothers travelled to the Kitchener Memorial Centre to watch the Tuesday's game.

"I thoroughly enjoyed playing. It was a lot of fun," said Bishop, who is home for the Christmas holidays.

High school nordic skiers start season with strong results

by BRUCE GRIFFITH
Coach

Our local high school ski team went to its first race of the season at Hardwood Hills on December 16 and came home with some strong results.

In preparation for hosting the Ontario Championship this season, the 37-member nordic ski team is starting its competitive season early this year. With some excellent veteran members and lots of keen beginners, coaches Bruce Griffith and Sharon Dibblee are very excited about this year's team.

Last week's race was very competitive with over 700 of Ontario's best competing. Our Junior girls, led by Carrie Heyes and Katherine Hagerman, who both placed in the top 30 out of over 150 competitors, are looking forward to another golden season. They are joined by Jordana Bain, Erin Fearrey, Kelly Kettner, Katie Woods, Kristi Bowskill-Bolin and Laurie Turner.

The senior girls team is destined for glory this year as both Ainsley Heyes and Amanda Duncombe placed in the top 30 in a very competitive field. They

are joined by other strong veterans Amy Ellis, Caitlin Pettit, Stephanie Ratz, Amy Wood and Jenn Turner.

The senior boys team is benefiting from its experience and hard work with veterans Matt Heffer, Kevin Hurley, Ryan O'Neil, Danny Wright, Mike Barbour and Ian MacKenzie leading the way. The junior boys team, although small in numbers, is big in heart and is ready for a winning season. They are led by Brock Ladurantaye and Daniel Morgan.

Look out for these rookie skiers at the top of the results columns in future races: Adam Bathe, Aaron Hindman, Liz Brown, Meredith Brown, Chris Ratz, Erica Ainsley, Jenna Benoit, John Heffer, Amanda Manser, Camilla Pettit, Megan Landry and Grade 8 sensation Matt Hindman!

Support your team at these 1998 ski races in Haliburton, held at Glebe Park: January 24, Haliburton Invitational; February 6, Kawartha Championship; February 11, COSSA Championship; February 22, 23 and 24, OFSAA Championship and Ontario Winter Games.

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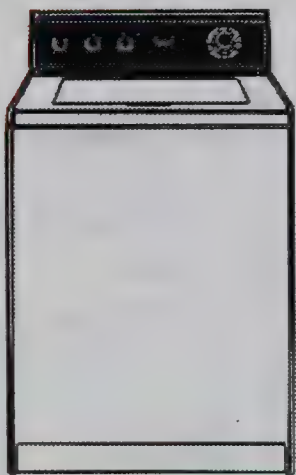
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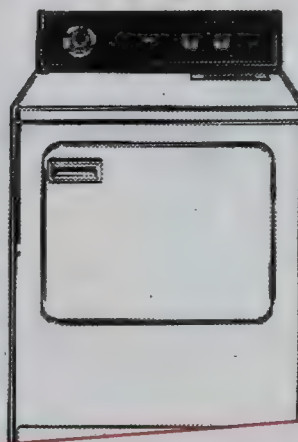
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At this time, the trails are offering a few kilometers of

early-season skiing which will tune you up for the season. Skaters will probably have better luck than classic skiers because there simply isn't enough snow to set a track yet, except for the lit loop at Glebe Park.

The ski clubhouse has now been christened for regular use by club members and their skiing friends. For those who have yet to visit the clubhouse at Glebe Park, you should do so

NORDIC NOTES

Blake Paton

soon. With the big windows out front, the clubhouse affords a pleasing view of the lit ski trails.

It has been agreed that Friday nights should be "club night" at the Park, and the clubhouse will be open and warm on those

evenings. Remember to bring water, as there is none in the clubhouse. Bringing bonfire wood will also help us keep a ready supply for those nights that beg you stay outdoors while taking a break.

The HHSS ski team travelled to Hardwood Hills in Orillia for its first race of the season on Tuesday, December 16th. This race has one of the biggest fields of the season, and the team picked up some top-30

results. More importantly, the skiers learned about the competition that is waiting for them.

Looking ahead at the ski calendar, Moosewoods Trail Centre has a ski festival weekend scheduled for the December 27th and 28th. It features free ski lessons on the 27th (conducted by yours truly) starting at 10 a.m. and an afternoon tour. On Sunday the 28th there will be an afternoon poker run followed by treats and a bonfire.

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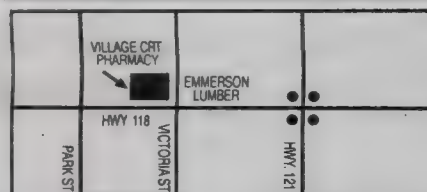
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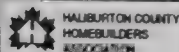
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PeeWee A/E Huskies tame cagey Cougars

by WADE MACINNES

Wow!! What a game! On

Monday, Dec. 8, the 2nd entry Pee Wee Huskies were in Bobcaygeon taking on the num-

ber one Pee Wee team in the tri-county.

The Cougars had been having

their way with most of the teams they were playing and were carving some competition. Enter the Haliburton Husky 2nd "E" team.

The first period was scoreless with great end-to-end action. Bobcaygeon notched the only goal in the second on a breakaway.

The Huskies came out flying in the third, tying it up on a goal by Ryan Goldenberg, then took the lead when Shawn MacInnes and Joel Johnson set up Joey Sisson. This game was a physical contest and 'Caygeon wouldn't say 'uncle'.

In the final minute, the Cougars pulled their goalie for an extra attacker and scored in a goal mouth scramble with 14 seconds left on the clock. Both teams are eagerly awaiting a rematch.

Friday night, the Huskies were host to the Keswick Select Flyers who were small but speedy. The Huskies shook off the pre-game butterflies and went to work scoring twice in the first period. Working the "cycle" to a T in the Flyer zone, Shawn MacInnes and Joey Sisson played tic-tac-toe before setting up linemate Joel Johnson in the slot, who popped it to Joey, who in turn hit Joel Johnson in full stride for the

breakaway goal.

Keswick scored the only marker in the second frame but the Huskies regained the two-goal spread early in the third when Ryan Goldenberg set up Matt Gerry who let bore a top shelf wrister. Keswick never let up and came to within one, scoring with three minutes left in the game. The Flyers pulled their goalie for an extra attacker but couldn't beat "Big" Al Frybort in the Huskie cage.

Sunday, December 13, the Apsley rep team rolled into town.

After losing in a shoot-out to the Flames at their home tournament, the Huskies were looking for some payback and they got it, trouncing the red shirts 7-2.

Huskie game points came from Ryan Goldenberg with two goals and two assists, Joey Sisson with two goals, Matt Gerry and Adam Tomlinson with one goal and one assist each, Shawn MacInnes with two assists, Matt Manary with one goal, and Joel Johnson, Chris Bishop, Jason Chamber and Matt Reil with one helper each.

The "Cherry Pick" check of the week goes to Shawn MacInnes. And, for all you trivia buffs out there, tell me where in the world is Norman SanDiego?



EARLY VISIT: Santa Claus paid an early visit to figure skaters in the Canskate program at Haliburton's arena last week -- the children can now rest assured that he knows the way to the Highlands. Among the many skaters to pass their Christmas wishes on to Santa were bother and sister Trevor and Tristen Cook.

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Wins keep on coming

■ Hardworking hockey Redmen rack up points

The powerful play of Haliburton's high school hockey Redmen continued last week with two more wins at home and on the road.

The Redmen piled on the offence with 11 goals combined in the games, while holding their opponents to a mere three goals.

On Wednesday afternoon before a full arena at home, Haliburton dropped TASS 5-1, fueled by a Matt Burk hat trick.

The previous afternoon, the Redmen clipped the Falcons 6-2 in Fenelon Falls.

Ryan Anderson led the scoring Tuesday against Fenelon with two goals and an assist, while Steve Ecclestone, Ryan Simioni, Josh Dennis and Darren Mills all had a goal and an assist apiece.

Others chipping in with assists were Dave Clark (2), Jason Henry and Jarrett Rowden.

On Wednesday the high school let students out early so they

could watch the hockey team take on TASS.

Matt Burk had a hand in four of Haliburton's goals, including a goal in each period.

Burk put the Redmen on the board less than 30 seconds into the game and struck for the team's second goal early in the second period. He rounded out his hat trick with Haliburton's final goal of the game with just under five minutes left to play in the third.

A few minutes earlier, Burk fed a pass to Nick Kulas who scored number four for the Redmen.

Jarrett Rowden scored the team's third goal of the game and also had two assists.

Other Haliburton helpers went to Josh Dennis, Philip Daniels, Jason Henry and Nick Kulas.

The Redmen don't play at home again until after the Christmas break. On Wednesday, Jan. 7 at 2:30 p.m. they face I.E. Weldon.



HOCKEY NIGHT IN HALIBURTON:

Haliburton high school's net minder Ashley Walker (above) gets his glove out for a fine stop in Wednesdays 5-1 win against TASS. Among the many students from the school who attended the home game was Stefanie Stevens, who was thrilled to see her first-ever hockey game. Checking out the action with Stefanie is high school education assistant Gloria McCormack.

B-ball Redmen split games

by MATT REID

The Junior Redmen basketball team travelled down to I.E. Weldon on Monday to find themselves once again facing a tough Lindsay team. After a slow start, the boys picked up a bit but were unable to regain the lead they had given up.

The team decided that they'd better come out a little more fired up in the next game on Thursday against LCVI. The Redmen came out pumped up but got down early because of an intense Spartan press in the first half. The boys came out in the third quarter and finally

started to break the press and accumulate points. By the end of the third quarter, the Redmen had a 37-30 lead. In the fourth quarter, the team kept playing hard and went on to win 51-45.

Great game by Jesse Sternberg again with 14 points. Perry Belekoukias hustled and picked up 11 points and Andrew Graham had a big game with 10 points and 10 rebounds. All team members hustled and cheered for the win.

Next home game is after the break on Thursday, January 8 against Fenelon Falls.

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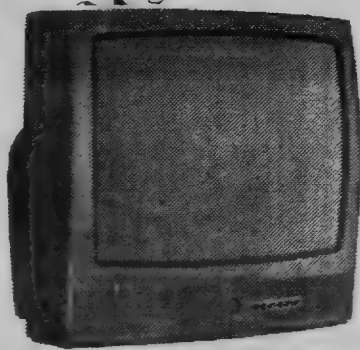
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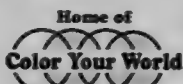
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"This new Act will show poachers that Ontario will not tolerate

abuses to our fish and wildlife resources," said Minister John Snobelen. "When the Act is law, offenders will face the toughest penalties in Ontario's history."

Convictions for commercial offences will be subject to fines of up to \$100,000. Jail terms have also been added as a potential penalty for offences under the Act.

Some highlights of the Act will include:

- Providing for the protection and management of a new category of specially-protected species. More than 90 specially protected species are listed in schedules attached to the bill, such as the red-shouldered hawk and the spicebush swallowtail butterfly.

- Increasing court powers to suspend or cancel licences and to order violators to take training courses.

- Increasing the time limit on prosecutions to two years from six months.

- Prohibiting the possession of wildlife, invertebrates or fish that were illegally taken in or from other jurisdictions. This is to help prevent Ontario from being used as a base for illegal trade activities.

- Prohibiting the possession of a black bear gall bladder separated from the carcass and a prohibition on the sale of animal parts that are represented to be bear parts.

"The Act responds directly to the concerns of the public who have asked for changes to the way we protect and manage black bear," said Mr. Snobelen. "We will prohibit interfering, intentionally damaging or destroying black bear dens. We will add black bears to the list of species that may not be hunted while the animal is swimming."

Carnarvon bowling results

(Tuesday Afternoon League for the week ending December 13)

Men: John Pugh and Gord Everall - High Average 179; Cliff Green - High Single 304, High Single HC 350, High Triple 656, High Triple HC 794

Women: Spira Nitsos - High Average 211, High Single 262, High Single HC 273, High Triple 674, High Triple HC 707

(Thursday Afternoon League for the week ending Dec. 11)

Men: Ken Thompson - High Average 220; Merv Bunker - High Single 302, High Single HC 330; Doug Burch - High Triple 757, High Triple HC 853

Women: Marie Thompson - High Average 193; Josie Cheesman - High Single 292, High Single HC 328, High Triple 637, High Triple HC 745

(Wednesday Afternoon League for the week ending December 10)

Men: Ken Thompson - High Average 222, High Triple 653; Bill Stead - High Single 297, High Single HC 334, High Triple HC 737

Women: Helen Dentinger and Marie Thompson - High Average 188; June Munns - High Single 222, High Single HC 259, High Triple 568, High Triple HC 679

Short-benched PeeWee C Huskies can't stop Ops

by SUE CLARKSON

There were lots of home games lately for the Husky PeeWee Cs. Ops and Haliburton have had several good, close matches this year but last weekend, the Huskies were numerically challenged and only able to last half the game. The first period was full of excellent hockey with each team having four shots on net but neither scored.

In the second and third, the Huskies had numerous chances but the puck just didn't bounce their way. Goaltender Shea Horning had perhaps his best game to date facing a barrage of pucks by game's end and stopping most of them. Cory Sisson and Jeff Packard picked up the slack both offensively and defensively, even without a stick, as we missed two of our regular players.

The Huskies scored two - Mitchell Clarkson went in on a breakaway and netted the first goal thanks to a nice pass through the neutral zone and in the third, Paul Hutchinson taking a stint at centre, picked up a rebound in the slot from a shot by Mitchell and buried it.

We'd like to welcome two new players to the team but not new to hockey - Corey Poole on defence and Martin Gage on wing. We're glad to have you.

The Huskies' first meeting with Manvers followed the next day. The Mustangs were able to get on the scoreboard before, out of a scramble in front of the net, Nick Judge tapped one in the corner, assisted by Brandon Logan to tie the game. The assistance of Atoms Nick Judge and Kyle Espie really helped the team.

The Cs have been doing well in numerous games in the first and part of the second periods but without a full two lines of players for either offence and defence some days, they are often toast by the third. The extra players certainly helped in keeping the pace up until the end of the game. Good defence in this game by both teams.

Our D, consisting of Andre Nichol, Cory Poole, Kyle Espie, Paul Hutchinson and Shea Horning in net did a great job. We had more shots on goal than Manvers and great back-checking by the offence but the final remained 1-1.



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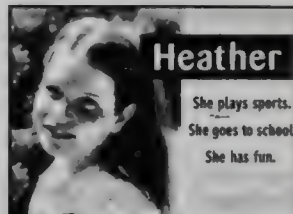
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We would like to wish everyone a healthy and happy holiday season and all the best in 1998.

Happy Holidays!

County supports theatre conversion

Funding guarantee allows donors to spread out 'seat sale' payments

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

It will be a bit easier to raise money for the new performing arts centre at the high school now that the county has guaranteed half the funds that need to be raised.

The county is not making a financial commitment to the project, which will refurbish the existing high school gym with a better stage and permanent seating, but the gesture will allow people making donations to do so over a three-year period.

Council made the decision after a presentation Wednesday afternoon by Linda Beachli and Caryl Moulton of the centre's fundraising committee.

The new centre will have 233 seats and the committee is raising the \$200,000 it needs to fund the project by selling seats. The front row seats are being sold to corporate sponsors at \$5,000 each; the others are being sold for \$750 each.

All the seats must be sold by May 1 for the project to be able to go ahead as part of the overall expansion plans at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Interest and support for the project has been high, the women said, but many people would prefer to pay for their seats over a three-year period. Since the group needs to have all the money in place before construction can begin, Beachli and Moulton asked county to provide a guarantee of the costs: \$145,000 for the construction, roughly \$55,000 for such things as architects' drawings, and \$20,000 for interest charges.

They also stressed, however, that unless they have sold or have pledges for all the seats by May 1, the project will not go ahead and therefore the county's guarantee would not be needed.

"If we have this guarantee, we can go ahead full speed" and attract more donors by being able to allow them to pay over three years, Beachli said. When asked if they had approached any other institution, such as a bank, she said given the tight deadlines, this would delay the fundraising. Her committee has applied for incorporation as the Haliburton Highlands Performing Arts Society, but this will take months to go through. "Without being incorporated we can't go to the banks... We were hoping that the county feels this is important enough to the community to support it."

She also noted that it's only because the project is being piggy-backed with the high school renovations that the county will be able to get a the-

atre for such a low price. There is no way a theatre could otherwise be built for \$200,000.

"What guarantees do we have that people will pay the money (they pledged)," asked Sherborne et al Reeve Don Shortreed. Moulton said the pledges will be "as legally binding as we can make them."

In the council discussion following the presentation,

Snowdon Reeve Ross Rigney says he's personally supported the fundraising effort by purchasing seats but "is it an appropriate thing for us (as a council) to do? Do we open up a can of worms in the future? I believe in what they're doing but I'm not sure if we're the right agency."

"I don't think it is appropriate, especially at this point in time," said Bicroft Reeve Bill Howe,

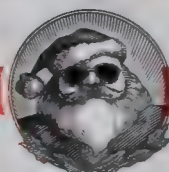
referring to the unknown impacts of downloading and actual value assessment, which may adversely affect the county's own cashflow. Glamorgan Reeve Elva Bates said that if a pledge falls through, the county could be on the hook for the money.

Other sponsoring agencies suggested were the board of education, the development cor-

poration, Dysart et al and the Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts. (As to the latter, Rigney said the Guild did not have the money to make the guarantee.)

However, at the end a compromise was reached, suggested by Cardiff Reeve Doug Holman: the county will guarantee half the costs, or \$100,000. All voted in favour of the proposal.

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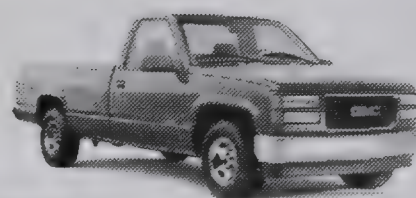


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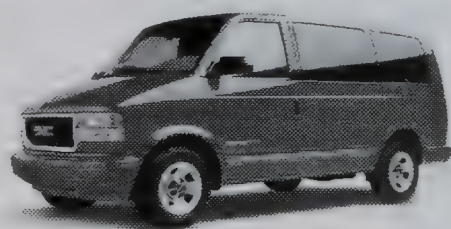


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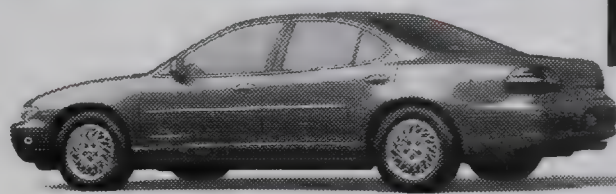


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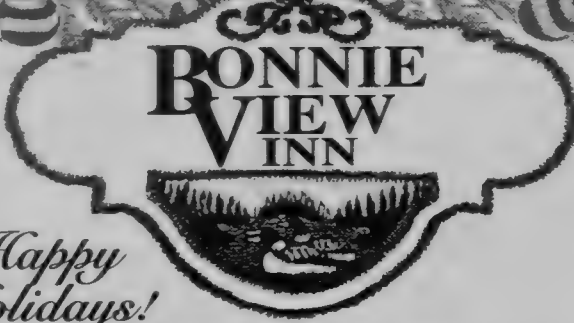
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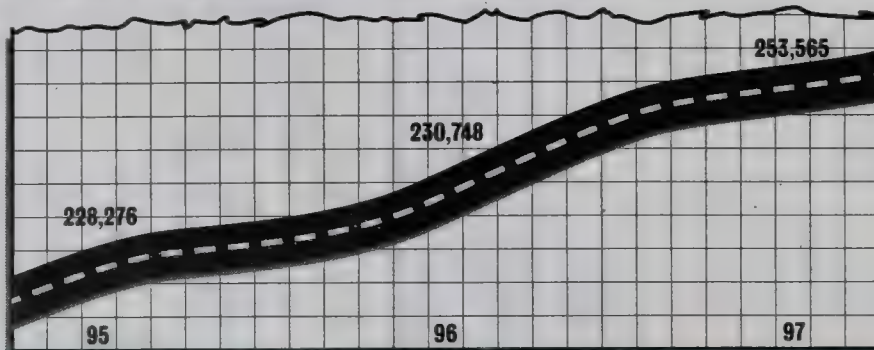
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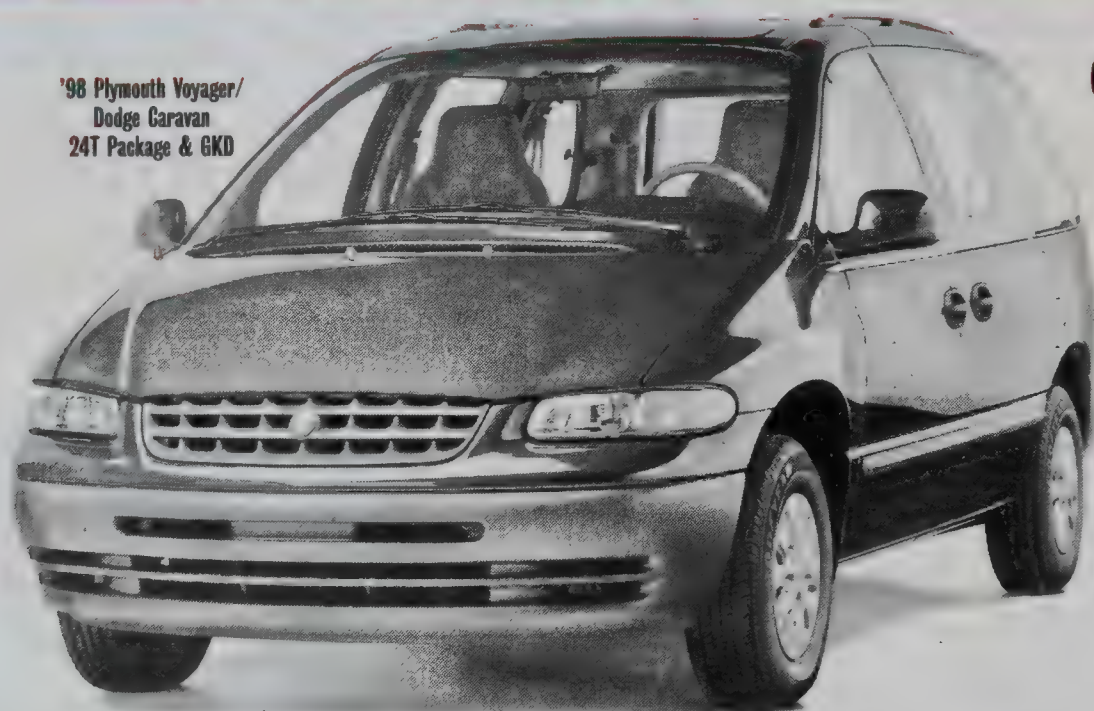
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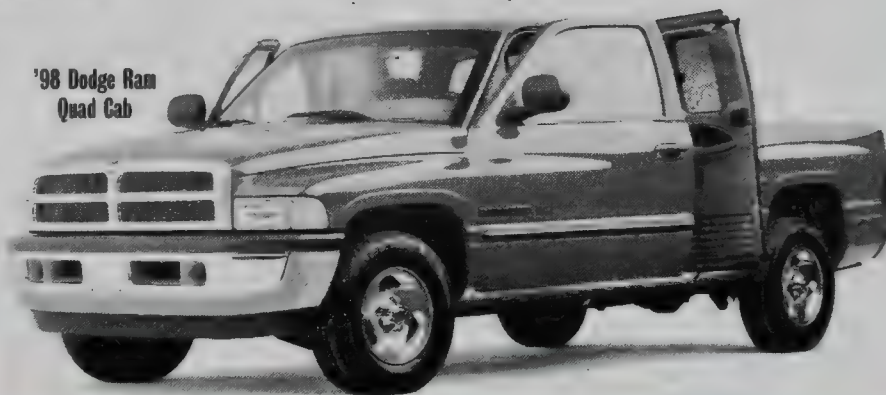
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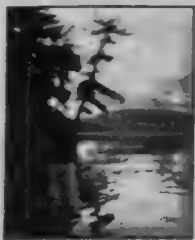
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Planning hits stride for sled dog races

MINDEN COUNCIL

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Anson, Hindon and Minden council's recent meeting.

Planning for the county's biggest winter tourism event is well underway as the date for Minden's annual sled dog derby draws closer.

This year's running of the dogs in the Techni-Cal Challenge takes place over the weekend of January 17-18.

The two days of races attract thousands of spectators and a field of the sport's most competitive international racers, competing for the biggest purse of prize

money on the circuit.

"There's lots of interest among the racing community," one of the organizers, Jack Brezina, told councillors.

Among those cheering from the sidelines this year will be representatives from Martin's Pet Foods, which is sponsoring the event, and its parent-company, H.J. Heinz Co.

Brezina said racers have been encouraged to bring flags from their province, states and countries for a march down main street leading up to the opening ceremony.

Council agreed to support the event as it has in the past with a \$1,000 grant and assistance from the roads department to help prepare the course. Last year, the roads department's time and effort amounted to a contribution of roughly \$4,000 by the municipality.

Lands for Life

Reeve Jeanne Anthon said she was disappointed that a provincially assembled group studying uses for Crown land didn't notify the municipality of its public meetings last week in Haliburton.

The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Round Table for Ontario's Lands for Life met at the Wigamog on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Wednesday afternoon and evening were set aside for presentations from various

groups that use Crown land or have interests in it.

However, Anthon noted that Minden received no information about the meetings, even though the committee's preliminary plan has a significant impact on the municipality.

"One of the proposals on the table is designating a big chunk of Anson, Hindon and Minden land as a natural reserve," she told councillors.

The designation would allow hiking and fishing, but would not allow logging or hunting, said councillor Grant Plooard.

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Best Wishes for 1998.

Julie Gray



UNDER THE "H" - A WINNER: The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation is now \$2,000 closer to its goal of raising money for the expansion of local healthcare facilities thanks to a donation from the Harcourt Recreation and Community Centre's bingo account. Making the presentation at the Haliburton Hospital were bingo organizer Debbora Shatraw and the HHHS's executive director, Foster Loucks.

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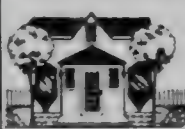
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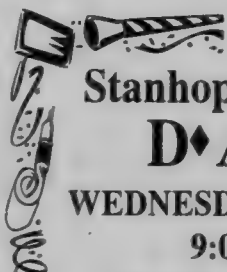


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Councillors give new bridge lukewarm welcome

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the December 10 Glamorgan council meeting.

Since it doesn't really have much of an option, council is "welcoming" the addition of a bridge near Irondale into its roads system.

The bridge is part of a transfer from the Ministry of Transportation of the former Hwy 7033, now called the Irondale Road, which is partly in Glamorgan and partly in Snowdon.

The MTO had wanted to give the bridge to Glamorgan back in 1994 but postponed its plans for two reasons: it wanted to first rebuild the bridge on the Snowdon side and do the transfers all at once, and Glamorgan council held out for a 10-year guarantee of its bridge's durability.

This past summer, an MTO engineer inspected the bridge and some repair work was done to areas which had been corroded.

"The bridge is not 100% sound and that's because of its age, but it's not justified to replace it. That's why the Ministry spent the money reconditioning it," Lawrence Tomasini, a senior municipal supervisor with the MTO, told council. "Although there's some deterioration in the upper inch (of the floor beams), it's still relatively sound. If the engineer says the deck is in pretty good shape, I accept that. We feel we've complied with the terms of your resolution (in 1994) and are intending to proceed with the transfer."

The engineer's report says that if Glamorgan properly maintains the bridge - washing it regularly and painting over rusted spots - then it "can be reasonably expected to provide another 10 years (of use)."

"That's not a guarantee," Reeve Elva Bates said.

Tomasini responded that the 10-year reference was made in a written report with MTO letterhead, which can be accepted as a guarantee - as long as Glamorgan follows the maintenance suggestions. "If the bridge collapses and it justifies taking the MTO to court, it's your prerogative," he added.

Bates and Deputy-reeve Chuck Viner, who were on the previous council, were upset that back in 1994, Snowdon got an agreement to have the MTO maintain the road for five years, while Glamorgan was told the MTO couldn't and wouldn't enter into a maintenance agreement. But Tomasini says that since then, the government policies have changed and no one can get a maintenance agreement, including Snowdon, old agreements or not. (He went to Snowdon yesterday to break the news, and Bates intended to also attend the meeting.)

When Tomasini asked for a council motion saying it

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agreed to the transfer, Bates replied "let's wait and see what happens in Snowdon."

The MTO does not need council approval for the transfer, however. It will be done through an order in council, which is expected to take three to six months. That means the MTO will be paying for the maintenance for this winter.

Fire towers

Council supported a county initiative to spend \$60,000 to install new communications transmitters on the top of four existing towers throughout the county.

The plan, which has received an \$18,000 grant from

the federal government and will cost Glamorgan ratepayers \$2,500, is an important first step in improving emergency communications, said Dysart fire chief Miles Maughan, who is a member of the county's Fire Services Review Committee.

By having the four new Motorola transmitters installed on the upper portion of the towers, the county's next step could be to have one central dispatch, perhaps at the Haliburton Hospital, or an existing centre in Lindsay. With a central dispatch, people would call one number, no matter which municipality they were in, and the closest fire department would be sent out. Various fire departments would also be able to communicate with one another when on a call, something which is very difficult at present.

"This will make getting 9-1-1 that much easier," Maughan said.



SHARING THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT:

Residents at Haliburton's Echo Hills Apartments give a rousing round of applause to Kindergarten students from Victoria Street School who visited on Tuesday and gave a performance of various Christmas songs and carols.

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Dec. 25 11:00am St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

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Mushers who will be participating in this year's Minden Techni-Cal Challenge Sled Dog Derby could, in four years time, be competing at the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Sled dog racing will be presented as a demonstration sport at the 2002 International Olympics. As a result, racers throughout the world have started jockeying for a spot on their national teams. Mushers have been working for years to have their sport accepted as an Olympic event. Much of that effort has been through the International Federation of Sleddog Sports (IFSS), a body representing racers from around the world.

In conjunction with the lead-up to the Salt Lake City Olympics, the

Minden event was recently awarded World Cup accreditation by the International Federation of Sleddog Sports. The Minden event, one of the most respected venues in the world of sled dog racing, is only one of two in Canada to receive the accreditation. This means, in addition to the largest purse in North America, mushers will be competing for points toward the 1998 World Cup Championship.

"We are extremely pleased to have received this accreditation," Race Governor Val Lougheed said. "I believe it is recognition of the high standard maintained by the Minden Sled Dog Derby over the years. Our event has earned a world-wide reputation for the quality of the race, the organization and

for the friendly welcome mushers receive here in Minden. The community can be justifiably proud of this honour," Lougheed concluded.

World Cup Series races will be held in Germany, France, Switzerland, Norway, Finland, Sweden and the USA. The second Canadian venue is Falkland, British Columbia.

This season marks the fourteenth year for the Minden Techni-Cal Challenge Sled Dog. With sponsorship from Martin Pet Foods of Elmira, the makers of Techni-Cal dog food, the race has become the premier sprint event in North America, attracting mushers from around the world. This year's races (four and eight dog) will be held on January 17 and 18.



COUMBS /McNEIL -

A beautiful wedding took place on September 20, 1997 at 3:00 p.m. at Trinity United Church. Dawn Marie Coumbs, daughter of Ferne and Arnold Coumbs of Bobcaygeon, exchanged vows with J. Timothy Wayne McNeil, son of Carol and John McNeil of Haliburton. The bridal party looked elegant as they supported the lovely couple. Many friends, relatives and family enjoyed the dinner and dance held at the Dunsford Community Center. Congratulations and best wishes to Dawn and Timothy.

County BOWLING Centre

Scott and Michelle Moore from County Bowling Centre in Minden would like to wish all of our bowlers in the County a Merry Christmas.

Have a safe and prosperous New Year. Please do not drink and drive - arrive safe.



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Christmas - December 25th

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Minden W.I. ends year with pot luck buffet

by JEANNE SEARS

The Dec. 17 meeting of Minden Women's Institute at The Terrace took the form of a pot luck luncheon. After the singing of the grace, all enjoyed the delicious food from the buffet, including great desserts. What good cooks we have in this group! Helen Skelding thanked us for asking her to this meal.

The roll call was answered by 15 members

and four guests, all giving readings, verses or good wishes in the holiday season. We sang Happy Birthday to Maud, Shirley and Helen.

Irene Moore reported sending 14 cards on a variety of occasions, not forgetting Hyland Crest and Extencicare. Pennies for Friendship were taken and also we had our 50/50 draw. The winner was Jessie Preston. The second prize of Sand Dollar was

won by Bea Berry. This latter gift was decorated by Rita Barid and we thank her. We are making our annual donation of \$50 to Christmas Baskets.

The President, Jean Cox, thanked Jeanne Sears for arranging this festive meeting in the lounge and applause followed.

The next meeting will be on January 21, 1998 at the Library Cultural Centre at 1:30. All ladies are welcome.

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Families visit at Hyland Crest

It is hard to believe that Christmas is so close and 1998 will soon be here. It is lovely to see all of our guests and families who came in to see us with their good wishes and happy smiles at this season.

On Sunday, December 15, Olive and Wendall McPhail were here to entertain us with Christmas music and Rev. Burgess came for his regular pastoral visits.

On Monday, we had several games of Bingo with special prizes because of Christmas.

On Tuesday, Father Parker came with members of St. Paul's choir to share in a Christmas service for us. In the afternoon in our craft time, the residents were busy putting on an extra push to finish off the Christmas day table decorations that make our Christmas din-

ner. We were pleased to have Hilary come in to pretty our nails for the holidays. In the evening we were entertained with carol singing by the Rev. Burgess and the Minden Bible Church who provided a lovely lunch.

On Wednesday evening we had our annual tour of the Christmas lights. For two hours we toured Minden and surrounding area to see the magical way people decorate their homes for all to enjoy.

Special mention to Joe Rivers and Donna Wallace's homes. They were particularly attractive as was John Pentney's home where we were treated to seasonal goodies that we very much enjoyed.

Today, we say goodbye to Terry Carr who has worked in the office here for eight years who is leaving for a full time job

at the "Pines" in Bracebridge. We wish her well in her new endeavours.

Winnifred Barnum had an enjoyable visit with her niece Betty Barnum, a Major in the Salvation Army in Toronto.

Our head reporter is busy finishing her Christmas shopping this week and our column is being put together by another volunteer whom we thank very much.

Thursday, the Grade 12 Drama class from H.H.S.S. provided a dramatic presentation to entertain us at a tea party that was provided by the Minden Legion ladies.

We extend Christmas wishes to all our readers near and far. You will be hearing from us again after the New Year - Winnifred, Lola, Muriel, Walter, Robbie - The Roving Reporters.



THE POWER OF CHOICE:

Students in Michelle Shapiera's Grade 12 drama class at HHSS performed their play, *The Power of Choice*, at Hyland Crest last week. The play, written by the students, dealt with topics including, divorce, seniors' issues, relationships, eating disorders and exploitation in the work force. The class also put on the show at elementary schools in Haliburton and Minden.



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NOTICE

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared a portion of an original road allowance between Concessions VII and VIII, in front of Part Lot 12, in the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, January 12, 1998, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the Original Road Allowance between Concession VII and VIII, in front of Lot 12, in the Geographic Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Part 1 on Plan 19R-6418, a plan of survey prepared by Paul Wilson, OLS and dated October 2, 1997, being available for inspection in the office of the Planning Administrator at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

PLEASE NOTE that this application for road closure is being processed concurrently with an application, made to the County of Haliburton, for closure and conveyance of Part 2 and Part 3 on Plan 19R-6418.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 21st day of November 1997.

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Planning Administrator

WEST GUILFORD

News

Eleanor Cooper

754-2388

December Centre activities have been numerous, many of them special dinners. Some of them are as follows: Association dinner on Dec. 5, Eagle Lake pot luck on Dec. 6 with individual decorations on each table, the Centre's own pot luck on Dec. 12, Lakeside Baptist dinner on Dec. 13 and a Jack & Jill shower on Dec. 19 for Ashley Miscio and Jason Casey. The family of Mrs. Phrona Sisson celebrated their dinner on Dec. 20.

Thanks to the well-organized Centre committee, all of this can take place.

Jeff Stamp, now of Atlanta, Ga., son of Kim and Derrell, initiated

Christmas gatherings by his arrival on Thursday, Dec. 11, stopping first at his uncle's, Wade Stamp, in Elmvalle and continuing with a special gathering of the family at Kim and Derrell's in town. Fay, his grandmother and Lloyd Campbell then entertained him along with Craig,

Sherry, Darcy and Lana Stamp of Calgary and George and Marj Nicholls' families, Greg and Cheryl of West Guilford, and Dave and Melanie of Orillia. Brenda Bain and Robin Woodcock, Lyle and Carol, Karl and Terry Upton and friends Brian and Dorothy Black were

also part of the latter gathering. In Toronto, Kim's mother had a Dawson family Christmas before Jeff departed again for Atlanta.

A congregational supper was held at Maple Lake United Church on Saturday, Dec. 13 with about 20 in attendance for turkey

Carnarvon mourns passing of Jack Gregory

by YVONNE PENNEY

Sincere sympathy to Hazel Gregory and the family in the loss of her husband and life partner, Jack, who has passed away at the ripe old age of 95 years. Funeral service was held at Zion United in Carnarvon with a reception following in the G.E. Building. Jack and Hazel were married almost 70 years ago.

It was nice to see Ruth Stutt in the congregation last Sunday. She came up from Ottawa to attend Doug Hodgson's funeral and also to attend a couple of Christmas functions here. We offer condolences to Barbara Hodgson and her family. It was gratifying to see Premier Mike Harris and several colleagues in attendance at Doug's funeral. It shows the high

esteem in which Chris is held by his cohorts.

The family of the late Ben Davis gathered at the home of Betty Davis of Maple Lake last week to celebrate Christmas together. Apparently, this is a tradition with the girls taking turns preparing a feast.

I would like to wish holiday greetings to all our family, friends and readers and wish them all the best in 1998.

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NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 21, 1998, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the road right of way in Lot 12 Concession VII, in the Geographic Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Parts 2 and Part 3 of reference plan 19R 6418, a plan of survey prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Limited, O.L.S., and dated October 2, 1997, being available for inspection in the Engineering Office of the County of Haliburton Administration Office in Minden, Ontario.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton shall then and there hear in person or by his council, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

PLEASE NOTE that this application for road closure is being processed concurrently with an application, made to the United Townships of Dysart et al, for closure and conveyance of the Original Road Allowance between Concessions VII and VIII in front of Lot 12, being Part 1 of reference plan 19R 6418.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Engineering Department at the County of Haliburton Administration Office during regular office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday).

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Santa's visit attracts hundreds

WILBERFORCE

News

Hilda Clark
448-2018

Santa arrived in the village last Sunday. A great crowd of children, parents and friends gathered to meet him at the Lloyd Watson Centre. He came with the assistance of the Volunteer Firemen and the Loop Business Association. The children had a

fine time chatting with Santa and getting candies and presents. Thanks go out to all the people who prepared for the occasion.

Clara Burt organized all kinds of entertainment for the crowd as the children awaited their turns with Santa. Thanks to all who donated and to the "elves" who chose gifts. A special thanks to Marilyn Donaldson and Roberta Walsh, chief elves.

It's good to see Allan Scott out and around again

after being hospitalized. Best wishes for continued improvement, Allan.

From among all the children at the Wilberforce School who surely are model students as Santa time draws very near, these have been named Students of the Week: Kindergarten - Heather Austin, Grade 1 - Kayla Scott, Grade 2 - Hollie Traviss, Grades 3/4 - Billie-Rose Clarkson, and in Grades 5-6 - Terry Bannon.

A special book exchange took place at the school. The children brought, with parents' permission and encouragement, 'gently used' books to exchange with other students' books they'd like to read. A good idea to promote the joy of reading a good book!

The Monmouth Seniors enjoyed their annual Christmas dinner party at the Lloyd Watson Centre. After a tasty meal, a gift exchange and entertain-

ment followed. A good time of pleasant cheer.

The Ladies Auxiliary of Legion Branch 624 enjoyed their Christmas party with dinner at The Sword in Bancroft.

The Outpost Historic House, festive with mostly home made decorations, was a welcoming place for Christmas Open House last Thursday. Well received by mostly adults in the afternoon were selected readings from Dickens' Christmas Carol. The Girl Guides, who presented several recitations in the evening, were joined by the Pathfinders to sing carols of welcome as people arrived. More carols were sung and before the evening ended, almost everyone had participated in readings and had enjoyed sweets and hot apple cider. Christmas ornament prizes were won by Bob Saunders, Sylvia Cameron, Leah Johnston and Winnie Schofield.

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Haliburton Legion presents special award and service pins

by CHESTER HOWSE

The Nov. 11 Remembrance Day Parade left the Branch at 10:30 a.m. and marched to the Cenotaph for a service and wreath laying ceremony. We were pleased to have T.N. Company 2 Service Battalion from C.F.B. Petawawa join us for the parade and back at the Branch for lunch after.

In the evening, dinner was served to approximately 80 people. Special guest speaker was Zone F4 Commander Don McCumber. After dinner,

special award and service pins were presented by Honors and Awards Chairman, 2nd Vice Vic Ibbotson.

On Dec. 6, a leadership and planning seminar was held at the Branch for all district F branches. We at Branch 129 Haliburton were pleased to host this seminar which was attended by about 80 people, including our district and zone commanders.

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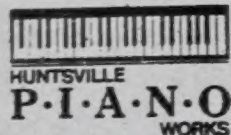
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310 NOTICES

Congratulations to all prize winners of the SIRCH Women's Emergency House November and December raffles: Roger Danilko, Terri Johnson, Mickey Kerswill, Janna and Kristi Bowskill, Ivy McCarthy, Connie Robinson, Phillip Daniels, Katie Logan and Kate Hall. Thank you to everyone who supported WEH by buying or selling tickets. CA

STEP-IT FITNESS CLUB - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday at 5:15 p.m. Step aerobics and resistance training. Have fun and get fit. Call Shawn Hagerman, Certified Fitness Leader at 457-1052. CA

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Haliburton Veterinary Services will be closed from Dec. 24 to Jan. 2 inclusive. In case of emergency, call 457-2087. CA

311 GREETINGS

SEASON'S GREETINGS to all my friends in Haliburton and Haliburton Lake area. I miss you all. Anne Winger, Hagersville.

320 PERSONAL

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one through suicide, you are invited to join "S.O.S." (Starting Over-Support Group) Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services Heritage Plaza, Minden Receive support from others through listening & sharing. Please call Ellen or Donna for more information 286-4575 CA

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The Haliburton Police Support Association's 1997 Christmas Draw (held Dec. 15) lucky winners are: Barb Fawcett, \$75 cash courtesy of Haliburton Lions Club; Mark Purdy, \$100 gift voucher courtesy of Haliburton Lumber; Wendy Iles, \$50 gift voucher courtesy of Haliburton IGA; Mrs. E. Chambers, free oil change courtesy of Curry Motors; Judy Henderson \$30 gift voucher courtesy of Haliburton Home Hardware; Adrian Whitfield, \$30 gift voucher courtesy of Easton's Valu-Mart; Shirley Barry, Regal coffee maker courtesy of V&S Dept. Store, Haliburton; Myles Hall, \$25 gift voucher courtesy of Elstone Motors; J. Cardinell, \$20 gift voucher courtesy of Duke of Dysart Grill; Paul Heffer, \$20 gift voucher courtesy of Village Donuts, Haliburton; Fiona Hibbert, \$20 gift voucher courtesy of Highland Gardens Produce, Haliburton; Cathy Abbs, two cooler bags with mugs courtesy of Emmerson Lumber. The H.P.S.A. wishes to thank all who supported us with this draw, from the generous donations of prizes to everyone who purchased tickets. We wish all a safe, happy, Holiday Season!!!

330 THANK YOU

To all those who contributed to the success of our Christmas concert and luncheon - to Easton's Valu-Mart for candy canes, food donations from parents and friends, Santa Tracy and elves - thanks and a Merry Christmas from Gooderham Elementary staff and students. CA

390 DEATH NOTICES

AT REST
Suddenly at the
Peterborough Civic Hospital
on Tuesday, December 16,
1997 in her 77th year
MARGUERITE (PEGGY)
McCREA

Beloved wife of the late Randal McCrea, dear mother of Wayne and his wife Marg of Peterborough, Sheryl and her husband Roy Hoare of Essonville, Dale of Essonville, Robert and his wife Margo of Essonville. Loving grandmother of Andrew, Todd, Adam, Ainsley and Megan. Fondly remembered by her many nieces and nephews. Friends visited the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main St., Minden on Wednesday. Then to Harcourt Community Chapel for funeral service on Thursday, December 18. Interment Essonville Cemetery. Memorial donations to Harcourt Community Chapel would be appreciated by the family. CA

AT REST
Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday, December 16, 1997
DR. JAMES "JIM" TAPP
(Member of RCAF 426 Squadron Bomber Command from 1942 to 1944.)

Beloved husband and best friend of Irene (nee Bishop). Loving Dad of Miles, Jocelyn and son-in-law Scott. Dear brother of Helen, Ivy, Elizabeth, Margaret, Joyce and predeceased by Violet. At the request of the family, the funeral arrangements are private. Cremation. Memorial donations to the Salvation Army or to the Scott Mission would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main St., Minden. CA

400 IN MEMORIAM

JOHNSON, EDITH F. - Left to be with the Lord, December 25, 1994. Her memory is our keepsake. From which we'll never part. God has her in His keeping. We have her in our hearts. Forever loved and sadly missed. John and family.

JOHNSON, EDITH - In loving memory of my beloved Mom who left us on December 25, 1994. Somewhere in a childhood place Someone with a warm embrace Dried my tears and in their place Kissed a smile upon my face - my Mother. Always loved and cherished, Darlene Johnson.

JOHNSON, EDITH - In loving memory of a dear Grama and Great Grama who left us on December 25, 1994. Always a smile, instead of a frown, Always a hand, when one was down; Always true, thoughtful and kind, Wonderful memories she left behind.

400 IN MEMORIAM

CONTINUED
Lovingly remembered and always cherished by Patti, Peter, Ryan, Cole, Kim, Rick, Angela and Tony.

JOHNSON, EDITH - In loving memory of a very dear mother and Grandma who passed away December 25, 1994. Wonderful memories woven in gold. This is a picture we tenderly hold Deep in our hearts, a memory is kept. To love, to cherish, never to forget. Forever loved and remembered. Vicky, Rob, Justin and Alyssa.

MACDUFF, MIRL - In loving memory of a dear mother who passed away December 24, 1993. Just four years ago today Since our sad sorrows fell, But in our hearts we mourn the loss Of her we loved so well. The world may change from year to year And our friends from day to day, But never shall the one we love From memory fade away. Sadly missed by ClaraBelle and family.

410 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the estate of
HAZEL JANET ANGUS
deceased

All persons having claims against the Estate of HAZEL JANET ANGUS late of the Township of Monmouth, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 7th day of October, 1997, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of January, 1998 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice. Dated at Minden, Ontario this 12th day of December, 1997 by DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executor of the Estate of Hazel Janet Angus. CA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the estate of
JOHN (JACK) MURRAY
AUSTIN
deceased

All persons having claims against the Estate of JOHN (JACK) MURRAY AUSTIN late of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 20th day of October, 1997, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of January, 1998 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice. Dated at Minden, Ontario this 12th day of December, 1997 by DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executors of the Estate of John (Jack) Murray Austin. CA

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the estate of
WILLIAM RUSSELL
CRAWFORD
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
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All persons having claims against the Estate of VIVIAN DOVELL late of the Township of Glamorgan, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 30th day of October, 1997, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of January, 1998 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice. Dated at Minden, Ontario this 12th day of December, 1997 by DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executor of the Estate of Vivian Dovell. CA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the estate of
NICHOLAS GEORGE
deceased

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS In the estate of ANNIE GRAHAM deceased

All persons having claims against the Estate of ANNIE GRAHAM late of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 4th day of December, 1997, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of January, 1998 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS In the estate of JOHN CLAYTON MASON deceased

All persons having claims against the Estate of JOHN CLAYTON MASON late of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 26th day of October, 1997, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of January, 1998 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS In the estate of FLORENCE MURIEL ROBINSON deceased

All persons having claims against the Estate of FLORENCE MURIEL ROBINSON late of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 2nd day of October, 1997, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of January, 1998 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS In the estate of RUBY ENID SCHMIDT deceased

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7:00-8:00pm

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